GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:428
ANSWERED ON:15.05.2006
SHORTAGE OF SUGAR
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the current stock of sugar in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether there is a shortage of sugar both in the Public Distribution System and the Open Market;

(c) if so, whether huge quantities of sugar were exported despite shortage in the domestic market;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the remedial steps taken by the Government to meet the shortage of sugar?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 428 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 15.05.2006 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a): As per information available in the Directorate of Sugar, the current stocks of sugar in the country as on 31.3.2006 are 148.44 lakh tones. A statement showing State-wise stock of sugar as on 31.3.2006 is enclosed at Annexure-I.

(b): No, Sir.

(c), (d) & (e): Does not arise.